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TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

--OF THE--

Lawrence County Baptist Association

--HELD WITH--

OAKVALE BAPTIST CHURCH

OAKVALE, MISS.

October 8, 9 and 10, 1920

NEXT MEETING

PLACE—New Hope Baptist Church, six miles southwest of
Monticello, Miss.

TIME—Friday before first Sunday in October, 1921.

PREACHER—Dr. M. O. Patterson.

OFFICERS

D. M. LEE, Moderator.....Monticello, Miss.

J. I. BRELAND, Clerk.....Wanilla, Miss.

W. C. MAXWELL, Treasurer.....Monticello, Miss.

PROCEEDINGS.

Oakvale, Miss., October 8, 1920.

The Lawrence County Baptist Association met at 10 o'clock a. m. with the Oakvale Baptist Church in its twentieth annual session and was called to order by D. M. Lee, Moderator of the previous session.

After singing "Higher Ground", Rev. J. J. Walker of Ty-lertown conducted devotional exercises, reading 21st chapter of John.

After singing "Amazing Grace", Rev. C. H. Mize and J. E. Bird were appointed reading clerks.

J. A. Purvis, E. B. White and A. S. White were appointed as a committee on Finance.

J. M. Armstrong and Rev. J. J. Walker were appointed as a committee on Items of Special Interest.

The following-named delegates were enrolled:

Antioch—Walter Terry, J. B. Lambert and Mrs. J. B. Lambert.

Arm—W. C. Atwood.

Bethel—Z. A. Polk, C. T. Polk and Josiah Miller.

Bismarek—Rev. C. E. Dunaway.

Calvary—C. G. White, H. W. Longino, E. A. Allen, J. M. Armstrong, Knox Waller, Willie Miller.

Carmel—D. Glover.

Crooked Creek—L. E. Sills, J. B. Dampeer, Mack Sutton.

Monticello—D. M. Lee, E. V. Catt, W. C. Maxwell.

Newhebron—Rev. B. E. Phillips, J. B. Rogers, J. A. Purvis, W. E. Lañe, J. C. Culpepper.

New Hope—J. J. Hedgepeth.

New Zion—E. T. Maxwell, B. T. Carr.

Oakvale—B. F. Speights, Wade Polk, L. S. Polk.

Oma--Verna Bird, Clara Boutwell.

Providence—C. H. Conn, J. P. Conn.

Robinwood—W. D. Wilson, S. A. Wright.

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Sauls' Valley—S. O. Reid.

Shiloh—M. D. Honea, E. B. White, A. S. White, T. J. White.

Silver Creek—W. M. Langston, H. J. Rogers, Delbert Patterson.

Sontag—C. H. Mize, W. R. Gibson.

Wanilla—J. I. Breland, J. L. Duckworth, Mrs. J. L. Duckworth.

After singing "Nearer, My God, to Thee", Rev. B. E. Philips led in prayer.

The body went into the election of officers, which resulted in the election of D. M. Lee, Moderator; J. I. Breland, Clerk; W. C. Maxwell, Treasurer.

On motion, the Associational sermon is to be preached at 7:30 p. m.

On motion, the Seventy-Five Million Campaign was made a special order for 1:30 p. m.

On motion, the Association adjourned one hour for noon. Closing prayer by Rev. C. H. Mize.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

After song service conducted by C. G. White, Rev. D. W. Bishop led in opening prayer.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Committee on Nominations—Rev. C. H. Mize, L. E. Silis, C. H. Conn, W. R. Gibson.

Committee on Devotional Exercises—Rev. B. E. Philips, Wade Polk, L. S. Polk.

The report on Seventy-Five Million Campaign was called for, and presented by D. M. Lee. After being discussed by D. M. Lee, J. E. Byrd and Rev. J. J. Walker, was adopted, as follows:

Report on 75 Million Campaign.

The 75 Million Campaign launched by Southern Baptists at the Convention in Atlanta, and by far the most comprehensive and massive undertaking projected by any religious body in modern times, has been carried successfully through its initial stages. The program as outlined

called for a five year budget of \$75,000,000 to be underwritten in cash and pledges the first week in December. This was largely oversubscribed during victory week. The total subscriptions, cash and credits as reported by the Campaign Commission to the Southern Baptist Convention in Washington amounted to \$92,630,923.

In this campaign the denomination budgeted its work and for the first time in its history went before the churches with a well-thought out program of needs. Careful surveys had been made of all the interests fostered by Southern Baptists and after much thought and prayer the amount to be raised was apportioned among the various objects participating.

These objects with the amounts they were to receive out of the 75 Million Campaign are as follows:

Foreign Missions	\$20,000,000
Home Missions	12,000,000
State Missions	11,000,000
Christian Education	20,000,000
Hospitals	4,875,000
Orphanages	4,586,000
Ministerial Relief	2,500,000

Mississippi was apportioned \$3,500,000 of the \$75,000,000. This amount was subscribed the first day of Victory Week and before the close of the week the subscriptions had amounted to \$4,209,585. We paid during the first year of the campaign \$862,196, being one of only two states which paid more than one-fifth of their pledge the first year.

The amount raised in Mississippi for the 75 Million Campaign is to be distributed on the following percentage basis:

Foreign Missions	25	per cent.
Home Missions	16	per cent.
State Missions	19	per cent.
Christian Education	24	per cent.
Hospitals	5 3-10	per cent.
Orphanages	3	per cent.

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Ministerial Relief -----	1 4-10 per cent.
Southwide Objects -----	4 " per cent.
General Objects -----	1 8-10 per cent.

We call special attention to the importance of completing the task begun. We have affirmed that we would put into the treasury of the Lord for denominational purposes over \$800,000 a year. We must keep our promise. We have underwritten in faith, we must redeem in cash.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That every church keep an accurate account with every subscriber to this fund, carrying forward from year to year the total amount pledged and the total amount paid on the pledge.
2. To do this we suggest that a separate treasurer be elected for this fund and that he be instructed to secure each year a record book for keeping the accounts with the members. Also that special envelopes be secured and given to the members if desired.
3. That all remittances for amounts to be included in this fund to be sent to Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Cor. Sec'y of the State Convention Board, Jackson, Miss., so that the church can get credit on the books kept at the Jackson Headquarters Office.
4. That church treasurers send out statements to subscribers showing the amount of the subscription, amount of payments and amount due if any, regularly, at least each quarter.
5. That all new members coming into the churches be asked to make a pledge to this fund, and all persons who have not made a pledge be solicited for a cash contribution each quarter, and that they be urged to give an average of as much as other members of the church are giving.
6. That church treasurers send in to Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Cor. Sec'y, all amounts for this fund in hand each month so that it can go on to the objects participating, thereby saving interest to the denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. LEE,
Committee.

The report on Baptist Hospitals was presented by J. P. Conn. Discussed by J. P. Conn and Rev. D. W. Bishop and adopted, as follows:

Report on Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

The Mississippi Baptist Hospital at Jackson is filling a long felt want among our people. Through it we are carrying on a part of the work of our Saviour. He "went about *** teaching *** preaching *** healing." He healed by a word or by a touch. We heal through the skill of a physician and the tender ministrations of a nurse. There are no better physicians and surgeons than we have at Jackson. They are skilled and painstaking in their work. The unanimous verdict is that they cannot be surpassed in the South.

There are about 20 young ladies in training as student nurses. They are of the highest type young ladies. After three years of work and study in the hospital they go out as graduate nurses to bless suffering humanity.

Attention is given to the religious side of life both among the patients and employees. The superintendent moves freely through the hospital and where he feels it well, he has prayer with the sick and always speaks a word of cheer and encouragement to the patients. He gives one evening a week to Bible study and prayer with the employees. The hospital is a religious institution as well as a place where the sick can be treated and nursed back to health.

This year has been a good year every way. From January to August 609 patients had come and gone from the hospital. Of this number 75 were charity. Only six of this large number died. The income from the patients during this time was a little the rise of \$21,000. This about met all the expenses including a little more than \$2,000 devoted to charity. The charity patients get the same treatment as the pay patients except that they occupy the wards.

The hospital authorities have bought the Swep Taylor residence on the corner of the same lot on which the

hospital stands for a nurses' home. It cost \$13,500 and the adjacent lot \$1,500 making in all \$15,000. It furnishes a nice home for the nurses and is a good real estate investment. An addition is also being made to the hospital which will double its capacity. If we will all meet our obligations, this addition will be taken care of through the 75 Million Fund. We have an annual income of \$24,733.33 provided for in this fund.

This addition calls for new furniture and new equipment. We not only need an enlargement on the equipment we already have, but we need some equipment we have not had heretofore. We need an X-Ray outfit. One of our generous brethren has promised to give this machine when the addition is completed. This will add greatly to the work of the hospital.

Brother M. K. Thornton who was pastor at Starkville so long has been elected superintendent and is getting the work well in hand. He gave up Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, one of the largest and best churches in the state to take charge of this work. We feel sure he will make good as superintendent of the hospital as he did as pastor. He was one of the best in the state.

In view of the warm place the hospital has in the hearts and lives of our people, we would recommend:

1. That we all meet our obligation to the 75 Million Fund so that our hospital may have its needed buildings and equipment and may continue to enlarge its usefulness.
2. That we patronize our own hospital when we have to send our loved ones off for treatment.
3. That we remember to pray for the hospital and its employees that they may all have grace to meet their high responsibilities.
4. We believe we should employ our house surgeon and charge a fee from those who are able to pay.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. CONN,
Committee.

Report on Baptist Memorial Hospital.

A year ago, our Baptist Memorial Hospital rejoiced in the prospect of some \$300,000.00 from the 75 Million Campaign from Tennessee. Today it has in cash and pledges over \$1,300,000.00. This was brought about by our good friend Mr. A. E. Jennings asking the Executive Board of the Tennessee Convention to make the gift from the Campaign a half million on condition that he would stand for the same amount. This was agreed to. Owing to the gift of Mr. Will Dockery, to build the Nurses home as a memorial to his wife, and Mr. Jennings' liberal gift \$650,000.00 came in connection with the campaign; and Memphis in four days in March made their gift \$712,000.00.

Better than that, the hospital during the last twelve months has been organized and regulated in accordance with the standards in effect in the best hospitals in the land. Physicians and surgeons are required to furnish accurate diagnosis and full reports on all cases; the standard of nursing is carefully maintained; the building and equipment are carefully looked after; visiting is regulated in order to minister to the welfare and not the hurt of the patients. "All for the patient" is the motto of the hospital. This has caused some criticism and complaint. The hospital looks out for the patient first, and is then glad to please and accommodate everybody else. The fact stands that our hospital is at the top in service and is going higher. Doctors recognize this and our rooms are constantly full, and there is generally a waiting list.

The Training School for Nurses will be delightfully housed in the new Dockery Home. Nothing less than the best training will satisfy the management. There will be room for 175 pupils in the school and they will be needed when the full 450 beds of the completed hospital are in service. This ought to be accomplished in the next few months. We hope this Association will furnish a number of young women who will be glad to

enter this noble and much-needed service. Those interested should write Miss Archer, superintendent of nurses.

Last year was the largest in service in the history of the institution. 7858 patients were admitted, 1248 of whom were treated free of charge. The business amounted to \$287,050.57; of this, \$36,688.84 was for charity. By states, 2183 were from Mississippi, 3882 from Tennessee, 751 from Arkansas, and 1042 from other states.

The "Linen Band," which has been providing linens and other comforts for the charity wards since the opening of the hospital, deserves the active help and cooperation of all our women, and especially the societies and bands.

Wonderful progress has been made during the last year in remedying defects and building up the hospital on the truest principles. All Baptists may well rejoice that it is our hospital, ministering in the name of Christ to people of all names and sorts.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. CONN,
Committee.

The report on Woman's Work was called for, presented by Miss Gertie O'Mara, and after being discussed by Miss O'Mara, D. M. Lee, J. M. Armstrong and W. C. Maxwell, was adopted, as follows:

Report on Woman's Work.

Your committee on Woman's Work begs to submit the following:

There has been no year in the history of the Woman's Missionary Union like unto this year. God's smile of approval upon the plans and purposes of His handmaidens to carry out their part of the work that pertains to the advancement of His Kingdom, has been most evident.

There has never been a year like unto this year

in which the woman have shown their interest in the advancement of His kingdom by the expression of their desire for information. Mission study classes have been organized in more than three-fourths of the societies. Certificates and seals have been granted to approximately 800 women, 500 young women, 50 boys and girls and 14 Sunbeams. It is recommended that this fiscal year which ends May 1st, we attempt to have an average of ten members in a mission study class in each organization in the state.

Our women have shown their interest in the advancement of His Kingdom by the number of organizations for our young people. At the Southern Baptist Convention at Washington, Mississippi was given two banners, for having made the greatest per cent increase during the year in the number of Sunbeam Bands and Girl's Auxiliaries. No society can now attain the Standard of Excellence that has not at least one of the Auxiliaries. Hence it is urged—not for this reason but rather because of the great need of our young people receiving mission information—it is urged that each church foster the Auxiliaries.

The 75 Million Campaign has perhaps meant more to the Woman's Missionary Union than any other plan of work that has ever been attempted. Women have realized as never before their duty as stewards and that their greatest stewardship is rendered by service. However the fulfillment of all pledges is the ideal of every Baptist woman's heart. And each organization feels constrained to urge the fulfillment of not only the pledges of the women and children, but of the entire church.

Among the phases of Personal Service that are undertaken this year are 1st, the sending of four girls to our colleges for the purpose of preparing them to enter the Training School later and then take up mission work; 2nd, the preparation of hospital supplies in the shape of bandages, towels, garments, etc. to be

sent to a hospital in China. It is recommended that all pastors and brethren everywhere help those women in the Lord, who serve under them, in carrying out these two projects.

More and more it is realized that family religion is a crying need of the day, therefore societies everywhere are urged to make a special effort to secure the erection of as many family altars as possible. Again the brethren are urged to co-operate with the women in the homes and in the churches in this work.

Respectfully submitted,

(MISS) GERTIE O'MARA,

Committee.

On motion, the Association adjourned till 7:30 p. m.
Closing prayer by Rev. C. H. Mize.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

After song service, Rev. J. J. Walker led the opening prayer.

The Moderator named the following as a committee on Apportionment: J. M. Armstrong, Walter Terry, W. C. Lee, Z. A. Polk, D. Glover, L. E. Sills, W. C. Maxwell, L. S. Polk, C. H. Conn, S. A. Wright, S. O. Reid, E. B. White, W. M. Langston, W. R. Gibson and J. L. Duckworth.

After singing "Let the Lower Lights be Burning", Rev. C. H. Mize preached the Associational sermon, using as a text 2 Cor. 8:7. Closing prayer by Rev. B. E. Phillips.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Moderator D. M. Lee called the Association to order at 9:30 a. m. and devotional exercises were led by Rev. J. B. Hemphill, who read tenth chapter of Romans. Rev. J. J. Walker led in prayer.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

The committee on Nominations made the following report, which was adopted:

Report on Nominations.

We, your committee on Nominations, recommend that the next meeting of this Association be held with the New Hope Baptist church, beginning Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1921, at 10 o'clock a. m.

We further recommend that Dr. M. O. Patterson preach the Associational sermon.

We further recommend that W. R. Gibson be elected as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention and that D. M. Lee be elected as alternate.

We further recommend that Rev. B. E. Philips be elected as member of the Baptist State Convention Board.

We further recommend that Miss Gertie O'Mara be elected Superintendent of Woman's Work in this Association.

We further recommend that the following-named brethren write reports for the next meeting of the Association on the following subjects:

Foreign Missions—J. J. Hedgepeth.
Home Missions—J. B. Hemphill.
State Missions—D. W. Bishop.
Denominational Schools—B. E. Philips.
Publications—Joseph Dale.
Orphanage—J. M. Armstrong.
Ministerial Education—Leon Tyrone.
Sunday Schools—E. V. Catt.
Church Discipline—W. C. Maxwell.
Sustentation—R. J. Boone.
Woman's Work—Mrs. C. E. Gibson.
Layman's Work—D. M. Lee.
Baptist Hospitals—Z. A. Polk.

We further recommend that the Clerk be authorized to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes of this Association and that he be allowed \$15.00 for his services with all necessary postage and expressage on minutes and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay same.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. MIZE,
L. E. SILLS,
W. R. GIBSON,
Committee.

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The report on Foreign Missions by J. M. Armstrong and the report on Home Missions by W. R. Gibson were presented. After being discussed by Dr M. O. Patterson they were adopted, as follows:

Report on Foreign Missions.

The statistics of the Foreign Mission Board, published May, 1920, show we have 542 churches on foreign lands, one-fourth of which are self-supporting, more than half of which worship in houses owned either by the Board or by these churches. 6,834 were baptised during 1919, the largest number ever reported in a single year. The total membership has now reached 57,438. These native churches contributed last year \$242,460, which represents a gift of \$4.22 per member. This is a good showing, when compared with the per capita gifts by Southern Baptists. The report of May, 1919, shows Southern Baptists gave \$6.19 per member.

The Sunday Schools now number 836, with an enrollment of 47,672 scholars. Comparing the number of Sunday School scholars with the total membership, we have 83 per cent enrolled in Sunday Schools abroad, and 70 per cent enrolled in our Southern Baptist territory.

The school work has grown wonderfully. Last year the board had 544 schools of all grades, from kindergarten to Theological Seminary, into which were gathered 18,514 students. These schools serve especially two great ends. They offer a fertile field of direct evangelistic effort and a training ground for development of leaders. In these schools a very large per cent of our converts are made and, of course, from them must come the leaders. It is encouraging to note that in our ten Theological Training Schools there were enrolled 345 students.

We can hardly realize the sweep and importance of the medical work. We are astonished to know that our fourteen medical missionaries could give 205,098 treatments during 1919, but they did, and preached the Gospel to many a patient under favorable conditions and

sent the message into many a home which might have remained closed but for the effective medical missionary.

The 75 Million Campaign has brought a new day to the work of our great Board. Our foreign churches were so greatly inspired by the campaign at home that similar campaigns were organized in all our fields and more than a million dollars were pledged on these foreign lands. The blessed encouragement that the success of our Campaign has brought to our foreign missionaries who represent us at the front should give great satisfaction to all who had a worthy share in the campaign at home. It should make us resolve to meet our pledges fully that these dear workers in the far lands may be strengthened in their glorious tasks. Let every church and individual adopt careful plans for the collection of all pledges and more, that there may be no lack.

Sixty-five new missionaries were appointed this year. A large percentage of these will go to China and Japan.

Thus the work grew under the favor of God. We see how it expands and we rejoice. Shall we not make His praise even more glorious by pressing forward now in the great day of our great advantage until "the whole earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God as the waters cover the sea."

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Committee.

Report on Home Missions.

The foundations of America are fundamentally religious, and the only spirit which may be trusted adequately to safeguard them is that of Christian patriotism.

Following the World War and in the midst of Reconstruction problems, thousands of our people have made a new dedication of themselves to this Christian Americanism, and in no section more than in the South, where the largest proportion of native Americans reside. The purpose to safeguard American liberties by safeguarding that faith which alone made those liberties possible, and to keep lighted in American a beacon of liberty which shall shine out across the seas to cheer and bless peoples who grope in darkness.

Christian Americanism is the work of Home Missions, which by bringing men to Christ, creates that righteousness that exalteth a nation. Our Baptist Home Mission Board is the out-standing agency of Southern Baptists for making America Christian. It has a great record of successful service, but is now entering on a time of even larger opportunity and need.

In 1919 the missionaries of our Board baptized one convert for every three received into our churches. Regularly they baptize from twenty to twenty-five per cent as many converts as the entire number who enter our churches. For fifteen years its Evangelists have averaged 450 baptisms per year per worker, a record far out-stripping that of any other similar agency. Its system of Mountain Schools is larger than any other and is the acknowledged standard in adaptability. Its enlistment work is rapidly bringing a more adequate standard of spiritual instruction and effectiveness in hundreds of churches. Its Church Extension work has grown from infancy to lusty strength in a period of only a few years.

Recently the Board has also surpassed its own fine record. Within the last seven years of its history of seventy-five years its missionaries have baptized 94.5 per

cent as many converts as were baptized in the first sixty-eight years.

In soul-winning and nation-serving; in teaching the truth of Christ and conserving it; in building Christians up and maturing for the State the type of character that makes our Republic great, and in the end, must save it from disintegration, our Board has been wonderfully used of God.

Every loyal Baptist will rejoice in the admirable efforts of our Board to met the crucial needs of these days by enlarging its work. At its Annual Meeting in Atlanta in June, after long and painstaking efforts to reduce the appropriations as far as possible, the brethren of the Board found that \$2,875,000 was necessary for the work of the present year. Even with this appropriation, it had to decline many worthy appeals to enter wide open doors.

We commend our Board for its faith and vision in grappling the stupendous tasks that now confront us and in believing that our people will respond to such leadership. We recommend that constant prayers be made for the Board, for its missionaries and for its work, and that we give it large and sustained support through our gifts to the 75 Million Campaign.

We commend to our people the admirable Mission Study Books of the Board, through which a true view is presented of the large problems we confront, and recommend that pastors, superintendents, mission society leaders and others write often for the large and splendid assortment of free tracts about its work and the needs, which our Board gladly furnishes on request.

The executive officer of the Board is Dr. B. D. Gray, Corresponding Secretary, Healey Building, Atlanta, Ga. For tracts, books, information, etc., address Publicity Department, Baptist Home Mission Board, Healey Building, Atlanta, Ga.

Respectfully submitted,
W. R. GIBSON,
Committee.

The report on State Missions was called for and presented by Rev. C. E. Dunaway. Discussed by Rev. J. J. Walker and D. M. Lee and adopted, as follows:

Report on State Missions.

Our State Mission work by order of the Convention is divided into the following departments: (1) Church Extension, embracing pastors support and church building; (2) Enlistment and Associational Mission work; (3) Sunday School work; (4) B. Y. P. U. work; (5) Publications; (6) Preachers Schools; (7) Educational Mission work; (8) Social Service. In additions to this there is assigned to the Convention Board and our State Mission forces the task of putting on all denominational programs launched by the Convention, keeping the 75 Million Campaign prominently before our churches and receiving ditributing and accounting for all funds given on the 75 Million Campaign.

Our work this year is laid out on a basis of \$150,000 and the work being done by departments is as follows:

I. Church Extension. We are assisting 120 churches to pay their pastors, appropriating for this work \$28,000. This is a considerable increase over anything we have ever done before. Under this department we are also helping to build 37 houses of worship and have appropriated \$31,170 for this work. 12 of these churches which we are helping to build were blown away by the cyclone last spring.

II. Enlistment and Associational Mission Work. We have in the field six general enlistment missionaries, one in each of the six districts, and eighteen associational missionaries. It is difficult, if not impossible, to estimate the value of these men. Their task is the task assigned by the Master in the Great Commission. They are evangelists, teachers, pastors' helpers, church consellers and general denominational servants. In the future the key word in their work will be evangelism, which indeed is the very heart of all mission work.

III. Sunday School Work. The work in our Sunday School Department has been very successful this year. Brother J. E. Byrd, Sunday School Secretary, is assisted by Rev. S. G. Posey and Miss Minnie Brown. These workers have rendered most excellent service. In addition to the regular appointments and institutes held in local churches, they have conducted 35 county normals in which 518 diplomas and awards have been given. The key word in their work, as it is in all of our work, is evangelism. Wherever they have gone they have stimulated the evangelistic spirit and in many places have had numbers of conversions.

IV. W. M. U. Work. The Woman's Missionary Union, under the leadership of Miss M. M. Lackey, Corresponding Secretary, and Miss Fannie Traylor, Young Peoples' Leader, has had its greatest year of achievement. Three young women from the Training School have been teaching the W. M. U. Manual in the County Normals along with our Sunday School workers, and 143 Certificates have been given as a result of this work. "Evangelism" is the key note of the Personal Service of the W. M. U.

V. B. Y. P. U. Work. Brother Auber J. Wilds, Field Secretary of our B. Y. P. U. work, has been making splendid progress. A large number of county B. Y. P. U. Conventions have been organized and, in addition to the individual engagements and institutes held in local churches, Brother Wilds has taught classes at encampments and in county conventions. There is now a most excellent spirit and promise of great things in our B. Y. P. U. work.

VI. Preacher Schools. Six preacher schools were held last March, at Hattiesburg, Brookhaven, Louisville, New Albany, Water Valley and Shelby. A most excellent program was carried out at each one of these schools and while the attendance was not large as it should have been, due to weather and road conditions, they accomplished real and lasting good.

VII. Publications. Under the head of publications we have the Baptist Record and our tract department. There will be a special report on the Record, to which we refer you for detailed information. Our tracts department is very important part of our work. A special room has been fitted up in the headquarters building for tracts and a large stock of denominational tracts dealing with the doctrines, ordinances and work of our Baptist People. Our headquarters office has distributed tons of these tracts this year. Any pastor or church or individual can get them for the asking.

VIII. Educational Mission Work. The last State Convention instructed the Mission Board to put in the field a student secretary to work among Baptist students in the state institutions of learning. Rev. Norris Palmer, a graduate of Mississippi College and a young man of splendid endowments, was selected and has accepted the position. It will be his task to organize for Baptist kingdom work our Baptist boys and girls in our state colleges. The Y. M. C. A. has assumed to take charge of them and to train them for inter-church and no-church movements. Present world conditions demand that we push this work.

IX. Work Among Negroes and Indians. We are also doing work among the negroes, holding Bible institutes for their preachers and assisting in the payment of a field missionary. In addition to this we help pay the theological professor at Jackson College. We have also a full-fledged Indian missionary working among the Choctaws. This is in addition to the work which is being done by the Home Mission Board. We are working in closest cooperation with this Board.

X. Evangelistic Campaign. We want to call special attention to our evangelistic campaign which is a part of our enlistment and educational mission work. In the campaign this year we have had the most-enthusiastic cooperation of the churches and pastors. Out of the 1600 churches in Mississippi we had listed in our office 1200 meetings. When we remember that at least 200 of

our town and city churches hold their meetings in the fall and winter, it will be seen that we had meetings listed this year from practically every church in the state. Up to September 1st we had received reports from 558 meetings, which showed 7068 additions. Taking this as a guide, the campaign should result in over 12,000 additions to the churches. Never before in our history have we been able to make such a showing as this. The Lord be praised.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That our State Mission work be kept before our people; that our pastors preach on it; that tracts be distributed among the members and the Baptist Record, which is a part of our work and which carries information concerning State Mission work, be put in the homes of the members either on the club plan or on the budget plan.

2. That our churches be requested to consider the advisability of co-operating with one another in the formation of fields so that more efficient pastoral work may be done in the country districts.

3. That whenever possible country churches should consider the advisability of building pastors homes and locating their pastors among them.

4. That we commend the evangelistic campaign as conducted this year by the State Convention Board and recommend that a similar campaign be carried on each year.

5. We recommend that evangelism be made the key word in all of our enlistment and denominational work and that whatever we do shall revolve around the larger and primary task reaching the lost with the gospel of Christ.

6. We suggest that our pastors call attention to our work among Baptist students in State institutions, urging upon the Baptist young men and women who attend these institutions to co-operate with our student secretary in every way possible.

C. E. DUNAWAY,
Committee.

The report on Orphanage was presented by W. C. Maxwell for H. F. Dunaway. Discussed by W. C. Maxwell, Dr. M. O. Patterson and Rev. W. S. Rogers and adopted, as follows:

Report on Orphanage.

For twenty years or more the Baptists of Mississippi have maintained and operated a home for helpless children, believing this to be a Christian duty.

From the blessed results of the twenty years work, we are convinced that the Orphanage work is a work well pleasing unto Him who said to the rich man, "Go thy way, sell what thou hast and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven." Then again he said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

More than a thousand children have been cared for and trained up into usefulness since the establishment of our home. Many have gone out into the world for themselves and are filling useful positions and are proving themselves good citizens and good home makers. We commend this work most heartily to the people of our churches and recommend that since the Orphanage is provided for in a financial way by the \$75,000,000 movement, that the people in our churches and Sunday schools in this association shall see to it that boxes of clothing and barrels and bags of produce of all kinds, together with canned fruit, corn, peas and molasses be sent in abundance.

I am informed by the Superintendent that they are shorter of clothing and canned goods of all kinds this year than they have been in many years, and that they are buying molasses now for the first time in ten years.

Let us remember the orphan children liberally out of the things that the Lord has permitted to us. We learn that the health of the children has been good during the year. They have just passed through an epidemic of small pox, but by intelligent care and good management, only about sixteen out of one hundred and sixty children had the small pox. They are all well and

sound, leaving not even the marks of the disease upon them.

Let each church in this association prepare and ship to Rev. J. R. Carter a box containing all the things that our orphan children will need that we can spare and in our daily devotion let us remember the children and the management.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. DUNAWAY,

Committee.

The report on Publications was presented by W. C. Maxwell. Discussed by W. C. Maxwell, Prof. Chapman, Dr. M. O. Patterson, Rev. B. E. Philips and Rev. W. S. Rogers and adopted, as follows:

Report on Religious Literature.

WHY READ?

The measure of your life is your contact with God and with the world in which you live. The agency which brings this contract is the printed page. By it the whole world is brought to your door.

To the Christian the real world is that of spiritual interests and activities. The measure of the Christian's life is his knowledge of it and contact with it. The best means of enlarging his contact with it is the Christian press. It brings the throbbing pulse of a world's need within easy reach of every man.

WHAT TO READ.

Most that we know on any subject, whether farming, medicine, banking or what not, we learned from somebody else. This contact with others quickens our activities and exalts our aims. A Christian must read the best that our Christians are thinking and doing. So a select church library is needed, and suitable books should be in the home, and every member of the family should have his own Bible.

God is revealed in the Bible and the Bible itself is being better understood by the progress of the Kingdom.

The religious paper is the field-glass through which we watch the world's spiritual movements and discern how the battle goes. We are participants in a campaign for world conquest, and have no right to be slackers. The religious newspaper is the greatest light bearer against the world rulers of darkness. No man and no church can do his or its part without it.

THE BAPTIST RECORD.

On January 1, 1919, the Baptist Record became the property of the Baptists of Mississippi. For forty years it had fought our battles for us and ministered to the saints under private ownership. Now it is ours. It has paid for itself and paid expenses and now has a larger paid up circulation than ever in its history. Its usefulness and power can be doubled by the co-operation of the churches.

Many churches have put the Baptist Record into every family either by special offerings for the purpose or by including it in the budget, just as the pastor's salary is paid. In this way it costs only \$1.50. It can be done by any church.

We recommend that each church in this Association undertake to put the Baptist Record in every member's home.

OTHER LITERATURE.

We expect of course every Sunday School to be supplied with literature from the Board in Nashville; that the teachers shall equip themselves by study of the books in the training course, and that the young people shall be familiar with the B. Y. P. U. Manual and quarterlies. We recommend also as necessary to the cultivation of the missionary spirit, the reading of the Home and Foreign Fields and Royal Service.

The worship in our churches demands an ample supply of song books. Baptists of Mississippi own and operate the Baptist Book Store at Jackson, Miss. which is ready to supply any book ordered.

One of the most urgent needs with us just now is

a missionary colporteur to give his entire time to the distribution of religious literature, selling Bibles and other good books, and taking subscriptions for the Baptist Record, Home and Foreign Fields, and Royal Service. We urge our Executive Committee to take the matter up.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. MAXWELL,

Committee.

On motion, the Association adjourned one hour for noon.
Closing prayer by H. A. Dale.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

After song service conducted by C. G. White, Rev. W. S. Rogers led the opening prayer.

The report on Denominational Schools was read by Rev. B. E. Philips for John B. Riley. The report on Ministerial Education was presented by J. I. Breland. These reports were discussed jointly by Dr. M. O. Patterson and adopted, as follows:

Report on Denominational Schools.

We as Southern Baptists believe this is one of the most important subjects that can come before us for discussion. We are all interested in the education of our boys and girls and this education should be the right kind, the kind that trains the heart as well as the mind. This kind of education is called Christian Education and is to be had in our denominational schools. Our denominational schools go a step further than the state schools, in that they plan to have their graduates fitted not only to perform the same duties as good citizens, but also to perform such duties as christians.

Southern Baptists have created an Educational Board, located at Birmingham, Ala., with Dr. W. C. James as Corresponding Secretary. The 75 Million Campaign designated about \$20,000,000 for schools in the different states and for southwide schools. The Educational Board will help in every possible to develop our schools and to get our people to have the right idea of christian education.

About half of the money given for education in the south, including the 75 Million fund, goes to the southwide schools, including the Seminary at Louisville, the Seminary at Fort Worth, the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans, the training school in Louisville and the training school in Fort Worth.

Something less than a million dollars in five years will go to Mississippi College at Clinton, Mississippi Woman's College at Hattiesburg, Blue Mountain College at Blue Mountain, and Clarke College at Newton.

Dr. J. W. Provine is President of Mississippi College, whose enrollment last year reached 400 and will probably exceed that number this year. The college will receive about \$350,000 in the five year campaign to be used mostly in increasing the endowment.

Dr. W. T. Lowrey is President of Blue Mountain College, which comes this year into the possession of Mississippi Baptists, and will receive about \$150,000 from the campaign. They are in immediate need of enlargement to provide for the growing patronage.

Dr. J. L. Johnson is President of Woman's College, which had last year an enrollment of 475 and turned away a hundred others for lack of room. The \$150,000 to be given this institution in five years has already been expended in building dormitories.

Dr. T. A. J. Beasley is President of Clarke College, which is co-educational and had an excellent record of work last session. The \$75,000 intended for this school will be used in physical improvements. We have not room in our colleges for the boys and girls wishing to enter this session.

We call upon parents to give careful attention to the selection of the right schools for their boys and girls. Pastors have an unusual opportunity in influencing their young people in the interest of our denominational schools.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. RILEY,
Committee.

Report on Ministerial Education.

The past session ending May 31, 1920 was a good one at both Mississippi and Clarke Colleges. 77 minis-

terial students were enrolled at Mississippi College and 37 at Clarke, making 114 in all.

FINANCIAL.

We began last year's work with an indebtedness of \$2,253.45, but soon after the school opened we were able to pay \$800 on it, thus reducing it to \$1,453.45. But after all of the applications were received and the students began to receive their monthly allowances we were compelled to borrow \$1,046.55. The entire indebtedness against our Board now is \$2,500, all of which, if we receive the \$10,000 from the 75 Million Campaign which the State Convention granted us, will be paid by the time the Convention meets this fall. At the beginning of the year we had a balance of \$296.59 on hand, received \$6,334.12 from the Convention Board, \$46.54 from other sources, and borrowed \$1,046.55, making our receipts total \$7,723.80. We paid to the 35 students in Mississippi College \$2,979.90, or an average of \$85.14 to each man, The 25 students at Clarke College received \$1,834.40, or \$73.37 per man. We paid \$169.95 for insurance, \$675.09 for repairs and improvements, \$182.90 for rent, \$80.15 for water, \$199.98 for incidentals, \$800 on note, \$96.60 for interest and have on hand subject to check \$704.84.

THE OUTLOOK.

President Provine and Dr. Beasley say that from present indications they will have more ministerial students this fall than ever before, and that a large percentage of them have families too. The housing question at both places has become a perplexing problem. Clarke College advises that they have been compelled to turn away at least a dozen families already for the reason that they have nowhere for them to live. All houses in Clinton are full, but they are going to try to take care of a few more families yet. Dr. Provine says: "We will find a place somewhere." We are going to be compelled to either build some new houses or buy some already built or say no to a number of men who say God has called them to preach. And if we build where is the money to

come from? We must either stop calling out the called, or write a larger budget for them. Which shall it be? The brethren must answer.

Mr. Will Dockery, of Dockery, Miss., has promised to turn over to us about January 1, 1921 the sum of \$25,000 which we are to lend to worthy young ministers at 5%, no student to receive more than \$250 any single year, and no year to use more than one-fifth of the total amount.

Respectfully submitted,
J. I. BRELAND,
Committee.

The committee on Items of Special Interest made the following report:

Report on Items of Special Interest.

We, your committee on Items of Special Interest, submit the following:

Churches.	Paid on Campaign.	Home Uses.	Total.
Antioch	43.50	298.50	334.00
Arm	255.00	211.00	466.00
- Bethel	226.00	214.82	440.82
Bismarck	77.10	79.25	156.35
Calvary	1425.98	1023.86	2449.84
Carmel		227.29	227.29
Crooked Creek	196.85	330.70	527.55
Jayess	190.00	248.00	438.00
Monticello	835.61	1091.70	1927.31
Newhebron	935.53	1363.48	2299.01
New Hope	24.46	148.30	172.76
New Zion		133.65	133.65
Oakvale	405.75	328.00	733.75
Oma	300.00	287.00	587.00
Providence		299.40	299.40
Robinwood	31.00	151.85	182.85
Sauls' Valley	82.00	109.65	191.65
Shiloh	440.45	377.09	817.54
Silver Creek	54.70	203.00	257.70
Sontag	308.67	217.53	526.20

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Tilton	46.65	67.50	109.15
Wanilla	168.50	342.14	510.64
Totals	\$6042.75	\$7745.71	\$13788.46

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

J. J. WALKER,

Committee.

Z. A. Polk presented and read the report on Church Discipline, which was discussed by Z. A. Polk, Rev. C. E. Dunaway, Rev. W. S. Rogers, Rev. J. J. Walker and Dr. M. O. Patterson and adopted, as follows:

Report on Church Discipline.

If discipline is necessary in the home, schools and other places it is also necessary in the church.

We believe in a strict church discipline.

We are not strict enough in our church rulings, for we should keep our churches cleaned by withdrawing from those who prove by their daily lives that they are not christians.

We should watch over our church members as a good shepherd watches over his sheep. When a member wanders from the teachings of Christ, we should go them and in love try to bring them back to the fold.

We should watch over our new members, who are only babes in Christ, more closely, and see that they are kept under the care and teachings of Christ. We should ever be willing to lend them a helping hand.

We should watch over all members, as well as ourselves, not for strife, confusion or division, but let everything be done in love for each other, for God and His cause. In all our work love should not only be felt but manifested.

Let us pray that the Head of the Church may endow us with wisdom, prudence, perseverance and industry that we may fill the measure of our duty in the matter of church discipline.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. A. POLK,

Committee.

The committee on Finance made the following report, which was adopted:

Report on Finance.

We, your committee on Finance, have received from the churches comprising this Association the following amounts for the purposes stated:

Associational expenses	\$81.56
Woman's Work	6.00
Total	\$87.56

We have examined the Treasurer's report and find same correct.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. PURVIS,
E. B. WHITE,
A. S. WHITE

Committee.

Treasurer's Report.

Received from all sources	\$179.13
Disbursements as per vouchers	151.35
Balance on hand	\$27.79

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. MAXWELL,

Treasurer.

On motion, the Association adjourned till 7:30 o'clock p. m. Closing prayer by Rev. J. J. Walker.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

After singing "He Included Me", Rev. C. E. Dunaway led the opening prayer.

The minutes of the day's work were read and approved.

W. R. Gibson read the report on Ministerial Relief for Wade Polk. After being discussed by Rev. B. E. Philips and Rev. J. J. Walker was adopted, as follows:

Report on Ministerial Relief.

Your committee on Ministerial Relief begs to submit the following:

We believe that the minister, who has come to his day of retirement or who, for any reason, has become

disabled, is in every way worthy of our sympathy, prayer and financial support. The same is true of their widows and orphan children. These men and women were faithful to God and His cause in the midst of the greatest sacrifices in laying the foundation for the work of Christ in this state, and surely they should receive our hearty support in their declining years. Other Christian organizations are far ahead of us in this department of work and in the discharge of this Christian obligation. Even railroads and some other business and worldly institutions care for their old and faithful employees. We should not only strive to emulate these, but we should furnish our old heroes of the faith, the support they so richly deserve.

The new Relief and Annuity Board of the S. B. Convention, which is located at Dallas, Texas, has taken over the work formerly done in our state, and is succeeding well. The amounts paid the Mississippi beneficiaries have been increased 45 per cent since the Relief and Annuity Board took over the work. The beneficiaries are now being paid bi-monthly instead of quarterly, as formerly, and are receiving from \$12 to \$18 per month.

This Board, beside providing a Relief Fund, has established also an Annuity Fund. This Fund embodies a contributory pension idea, which permits ministers, by making regular annual, semi-annual or quarterly payments, to provide in part for their own day and disability. For the minister who has become disabled, at any time after becoming a member of the fund, the plan provides a disability annuity benefit. It is well worth while for all our brethren in the ministry to investigate this Annuity Fund, and see if it will not be of wisdom on their part to thus look after the future of his own household.

Respectfully submitted,

WADE POLK,

Committee.

The following resolution by J. I. Breland was adopted:

The good people of Oakvale and vicinity having extended to the representatives of the various churches of this Association such a royal welcome by extending to us the comforts and courtesies of their homes; therefore, be it resolved, that we extend to them and their loyal pastor our heartfelt thanks for this unstinted hospitality, giving them our assurance that we will ever have them in mind and remember them in prayer.

We also thank the Methodist brethren and sisters for the use of their building for the meeting of the Woman's Auxillary of the Association.

After singing "Stepping in the Light", Rev. W. S. Rogers preached, using as a text Rom 6:23. The Association adjourned till 9:30 a. m. Closing prayer by Rev. J. J. Walker.

THIRD DAY—FORENOON SESSION.

After song service, Rev. B. E. Philips conducted devotional exercises.

The report on Layman's Work was presented and read by J. I. Breland and adopted, as follows:

Report on Layman's Work.

The spirit of the times and the demands of the Master's Kingdom require a more united effort on the part of christians than ever before.

The world conflict made the world ready for an open Bible by teaching a great lesson in religious as well as political liberty, and unless Baptist people lay hold on the opportunity that today presents itself the day of regrets await them.*

The 75 Million Campaign was a loyal movement. We urge all who have made pledges to meet them promptly and thus help to plant Immanuel's banner in every hamlet on the earth.

The la,men of the south have not as a whole been organized as they should be, but Dr. J. T. Henderson is doing a noble work along the line of organization.

Your committee suggests the organization of a Laymen's Convention in this Association. It seems that we might organize the male membership of our churches into unions and hold meetings which would prove profitable both educationally and

socially. In so doing our men would be strengthened in prayer and built up in faith.

Respectfully submitted,

J. I. BRELAND,

- Committee.

On motion, the State Convention Board was asked to defray the expenses of the Superintendent of Woman's Work in this Association.

The report on Sunday Schools was called for and was presented by Leon Tyrone. Discussed by Leon Tyrone, J. M. Armstrong, Rev. J. J. Walker and Rev. W. S. Rogers and adopted, as follows:

Report on Sunday Schools.

The teaching of the Word of God is the business of the Sunday School, and when the Bible is correctly taught there is no doubt about results. The lost will be brought to a saving knowledge and the saved will be taught how to serve, which is the business of every christian. There are several things to be considered in order to accomplish these ends:

ORGANIZATION.

There must be organization, for no school can do satisfactory work without being well organized with the best officers to be had, who should be wide awake, sparing no time or means to make their school the best.

TRAINED TEACHERS.

A Sunday School would do very little without teachers, and they should be trained, for how can any one teach as they should without being trained, for how can we teach that we do not know. The Great Command was make disciples and teach them.

Each church should not neglect to have every year a Teachers' Training School, and then send the officers and teachers to the County Normal, and send as many as possible each year to the Sunday School Conventions and other assemblies where inspiration is acquired from these trained workers, under the supervision of the Sunday School Board, directed by the Sunday School Secretary.

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ENLISTMENT.

There should be no effort spared to go about bringing to the school every one possible and do this feeling the responsibility.

REPORTS.

We should so organize and operate our school that we will feel a just pride in seeing that our school is properly reported in the letter to the Association, giving all the information asked for in the letter. We want to urge the Clerk of this Association not to stop till he shall have acquired a full report from every church in this Association before the minutes are sent to the press. Then he should have a table printed in the minutes giving all the Sunday School statistics, tabulating this information given in the Associational letter. Never forget to give the name and address of the Superintendent and the Secretary, for the Associational minute should give all the useful information about a church and its Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON TYRONE,
Committee.

After singing "I Gave My Life for Thee", Rev. J. J. Walker preached, using as a text Luke 10:21.

On motion, the Association adjourned till 1:30 p. m. Closing prayer by Leon Tyrone.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

After song service, Rev. B. E. Philips preached, using as a theme, "The New Testament Church".

The minutes of the proceedings of the body were approved.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the New Hope Baptist Church on Friday before first Sunday in October, 1921, at 10 o'clock a. m. Closing prayer by Rev. B. E. Philips.

D. M. LEE, Moderator.
J. I. BRELAND, Clerk.

OUR DEAD.

Arm—Poem Parkman, Mrs. C. A. Bourn.

Calvary—Mrs. C. S. Mikell.

Crooked Creek—Hickey Batton.

Jayess--A. L. Greer.

Monticello—Dr. R. L. Griffith.

Newhebron—M. J. Weathersby.

New Zion—Lizzie Fugler.

Providence—Florence Price, Victoria Guy.

Shiloh—Celia Ann Smith, Lum Smith.

Silver Creek—Lina Allen.

Sontag—Jane Dickens, Mrs. V. L. Moore, Robert Eckford.

Tilton—Martha Bozeman.

Wanilla—Mattie A. Ballew, H. T. Wilson, Evalina Town
send.

Proceedings Woman's Missionary Union

The Woman's Missionary Union Auxillary to the Lawrence County Baptist Association met at Oakvale, Miss., on Oct. 9, 1920.

The following program was carried out:

Woman's hymn for the year, "Jesus Shall Reign".

Watchword in concert, "That in all things He might have preeminence"—Col. 1:18.

Prayer by Mrs. John B. Riley.

Devotional led by Miss Gertie O'Mara—"The King's Business"—Luke 2:46, 49; Rom. 14:12.

Prayer by Mrs. M. E. Fleming.

A committee on Nominations and Resolutions was named with Mrs. C. H. Mize as chairman.

Roll call of societies and auxiliaries of the churches of the Association responded with report of the year's work.

A Sunbeam reading, "Our Aim", was given by Willie Mize.

Stewardship ably discussed by Mrs. C. H. Mize.

Song, "Revive Us Again".

Miss Carlisle presented and read the report on Personal Service for Mrs. Lucy Beal.

The report of the Superintendent was approved.

The report on The State W. M. U. Policy was read for Miss Lackey by Mrs. John B. Riley.

Round Table discussions after reading the Associational Standard of Excellence, by the Superintendent.

Open discussion on Bible and Mission Study.

On motion, the time of meeting of the W. M. U. Auxiliary to the Association was changed from the time of the regular Associational meeting.

The report of the committee on Nominations and Resolutions was read and approved.

Nominations and Resolutions.

We, your committee on Nominations and Resolutions, recommend that the next meeting of the W. M. U. Auxillary of the Lawrence County Baptist Association be held with Calvary.

Baptist church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1921, at 9 o'clock a. m.

We recommend the following officers for the year:

Superintendent—Miss Gertie O'Mara;

Secretary—Mrs. John B. Riley;

Young People's Leader—Mrs. T. C. McCullough;

Personal Service—Mrs. Lucy Beal;

Mission Study Leader—Mrs. Leon Tyrone;

Stewardship Leader—Miss Clayton Mikell.

We offer the following resolutions:

Whereas, the citizens of Oakvale have thrown open their doors and shown us every hospitality and courtesy; and

Whereas, the members of the Methodist church have thrown open their church to us; therefore, be it resolved,

First, That we express our appreciation and gratitude to all who have contributed to our entertainment and pleasure;

Second, That we especially thank the members of the Methodist church for the use of their building.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. H. MIZE,
Chairman.

On motion, the meeting closed.

Closing prayer by Mrs. C. H. Mize.

MISS GERTIE O'MARA, Superintendent.

MRS. JNO. B. RILEY, Secretary.

By-Laws of Lawrence County Association.

1. This association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectfully belong, and shall be styled the Lawrence County Association.
2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the association.
3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches and stating the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded and deceased during the preceeding associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the association may direct.
4. This association shall have a moderator and clerk who shall be annually chosen by ballot of the members present. Said moderator and clerk shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding association till a new election takes place, and while in office shall discharge the duties appertaining to these offices.
5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the association they shall petition by letter and delegates, and if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.
6. Every church shall be allowed four delegates and no more until her number shall reach one hundred, and one delegate for every additional fifty members thereafter.
7. The association shall neither answer nor debate any query on gospel doctrine except it be to merely explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this association.
8. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member and shall be considered by the association unless withdrawn by the mover before discussion.
9. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two

or more points it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken on each point separately.

10. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on the association or any member thereof and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

11. No person shall speak more than twice upon the same subject without leave of the association.

12. The moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question in debate, the chair being previously filled. He shall rise from his seat to put the question to the body.

13. The moderator shall decide questions of order, but appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.

14. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any proposition or motion, and the moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken, and in the case of a tie, the motion is lost.

15. Committees shall be nominated by the moderator, subject to approval of the association.

16. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

17. No brother shall finally depart from the association without leave of the body.

18. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over whenever it is thought necessary.

19. Minutes shall be read carefully and corrected if necessary, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association rises.

20. A motion for final adjournment shall be construed to embrace the previous reading and adoption of the minutes.

21. The association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

22. Immediately after the organization of the association.

the rules of order shall be distinctly read by order of the moderator.

23 The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment at any regular meeting of the association by a majority of the delegates

Rules of Decorum.

First, This association acknowledges that each church is an independent body and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs, and, therefore, this association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches comprising its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrines or tolerate immoral practices.

Second, The objects of this association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches and to advance the Redeemer's kingdom by furnishing a means of uniting all the churches of this association in contributing of their means to the support of our denominational interests, such as denominational schools, orphans homes, and missions, State, home and foreign.

Third, This association may maintain a friendly correspondence when convenient with other religious bodies of the same faith and order.

Fourth, Ministers of the gospel in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

Fifth, This association may appoint any person or persons by and with their consent to transact any business it may deem necessary.

Sixth, This association may adjourn to any time and place it may think proper.

Seventh, This association shall keep a record of their proceedings and have them printed when necessary.

Eighth, This association shall have a fund and elect annually a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the

association for moneys which shall come into his hands for the use of the association.

Ninth, This association may form its own by-laws and regulate its own proceedings in such a manner as it may deem expedient.

CHURCH DIRECTORY AND STATISTICS.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	Memb'rshp last year..	Rec. by L.	Baptized ..	Restored ..	Total Inc. .	Dis. by L. .	Excluded ..	Died	Total Dec.	Memb'rshp	Present....
Antioch	J. J. Terry, Monticello, R. 1.	J. W. Terry, Brookhaven, R. 5	170	7	33	5	45	7			7	208	
Arm	A. J. Linton, Clinton	C. H. Watts, Arm	65	9	5		14	3		2	5	74	
Bethel	W. S. Rogers, Crystal Springs.	W. J. Wilson, Monticello, R. 2	61	1	9		10	10			10	61	
Bismarck	W. H. Coleman, Clinton	H. Dunaway, Jayess	37	3	3		6					52	
Calvary	J. J. Terry, Monticello, R. 1.	E. A. Allen, Silver Creek	205	3	11		15	19		1		200	
Carmel	B. E. Phillips, Newhebron	W. L. McGuffee, Monticello, R1	63	1	11		12					75	
Crooked Creek	W. A. Murray, Tylertown	J. C. Cliburn, Newhebron	258	12	60		74	7		1	8	330	
Jayess	M. O. Patterson, Clinton	E. V. Catt, Monticello	193	3	4		7	14		1	16	184	
Monticello	B. E. Phillips, Newhebron	J. J. Berry, Newhebron	209	21	8		29	14		1	15	223	
Newhebron	J. B. Hemphill, Clinton	I. E. Nelson, Jayess	282	6	15		21	31		1	32	272	
New Hope	J. B. Hemphill, Clinton	Luke Riley, Monticello	145	3	16		19	5			5	159	
New Zion	B. E. Phillips, Newhebron	J. M. Jones, Oakvale	66	6	2		1	9		1	12	63	
Oakvale	B. E. Phillips, Newhebron	T. S. Young, Oma	92	5	5		10	7			7	95	
Oma	J. E. Sullivan, Clinton	C. H. Conn, Ruth, R. 1	68	1	1		2					70	
Providence	A. F. Davis, Tylertown	S. A. Wright, Monticello, R. 2.	256	16	15		26			2	2	268	
Robinwood	D. W. Bishop, Clinton	J. R. Sauls, Tilton	16	15	11		26					42	
Sauls' Valley	J. B. Hemphill, Clinton	A. C. Dickens, Sontag	38	3	3		3	1			1	40	
Shiloh	C. H. Mize, Silver Creek	D. O. Langston, Silver Creek ..	155	4	4		8	14		2	16	147	
Silver Creek	D. W. Bishop, Clinton	H. F. Buckley, Sontag	121	1	4		5			1	1	125	
Sontag	C. H. Mize, Silver Creek	M. D. Phillips, Tilton	48	10	8		18	5		3	8	58	
Tilton	D. W. Bishop, Clinton	J. L. Duckworth, Wanilla	39	3	3		3	5		1	6	36	
Wanilla	C. H. Mize, Silver Creek		68	4	2		6	4		1	5	10	
Totals			2655	115	232		9356	157		22	161	2846	

FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES	Pastor's ... Salary....	Paid visit- ing minis- ters	Building and repairs ...	Sunday S. and B. Y. P. U.	Local poor	Minute fund	Other objects	Total home uses	Paid on 75 Million; pledges ...	Total all objects....
Antioch.....	185 00	56 00	1 00	8 00	10 00	2 00	28 50	290 50	43 50	334 00
Arm	150 00	57 00				3 00	1 00	211 00	255 00	466 00
Bethel	150 00	59 82				5 00		214 80	226 00	440 82
Bismarck	20 00	41 25		8 25		4 40	5 00	79 20	77 10	156 30
Calvary	489 00	100 00		61 81		10 00	208 45	1025 86	1410 98	2527 94
Carmel	87 00	43 40	66 20	10 00	11 57	2 12	5 00	227 29		227 29
Crooked Creek	194 25	70 00		28 00		3 00	3 55	330 70	196 85	527 55
Javess	200 00	20 00		28 00				244 00	115 00	438 00
Monticello	400 00	135 00	210 05	40 21	3 50	7 50	295 44	1091 70	835 61	1927 01
Newhebron	765 00	206 00	122 88	96 60		3 00	173 00	1363 48	935 53	2299 01
New Hope	185 45	41 90		10 00	12 00	1 00		250 35	24 46	274 81
New Zion	100 00	21 65	12 00					133 65	405 75	133 65
Oakvale	250 00	56 00				5 00	17 00	328 00	300 00	588 00
Oma	250 00	37 00				1 00		288 00	294 49	294 49
Providence	250 00	44 40				3 85		151 85	31 00	182 85
Robinwoo.	100 00	30 00				2 00		109 65	82 00	191 65
Sauls' Valley	85 00	20 00		2 65	18 50	5 00	18 46	379 09	440 45	817 54
Shiloh	234 63	50 50	40 00			3 00		203 00	44 40	257 70
Silver Creek	150 00	50 00				6 50	28 70	217 53	308 67	526 20
Sontag	100 00	53 00		29 33		1 50		67 50	41 65	108 15
Tilton	42 00	28 00		37 53		6 08	12 50	342 06	168 50	510 56
Wanilla	250 00	36 00								
Totals	4637 23	1256 92	452 13	360 38	54 57	79 92	797 20	7848 63	6730 13	14368 48

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORY AND STATISTICS.

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS	SECRETARIES	Officers and t'chrs enr'd	Pupils enrolled	Ch. mem'rs enrolled	Total	Baptized from school
Antioch	A. S. Blackwell, Monticello.....	Jennie Thames, Brookhaven, R. 5.....	6	6	58	73	23
Arm	R. C. Fallin, Arm.....	Rossie Atwood, Arm	4	21	1	25	4
Bethel	R. Dunaway, Morgantown.....	.....	5	30	12	35	
Bismarck	Leon Tyrone, Silver Creek.....	Missie Haynes, Silver Creek.....	13	139	72	162	11
Calvary	D. Glover, Monticello.....	D. W. Glover, Monticello.....	5	45	40	50	8
Carmel	Crooked Creek J. B. Dampier, Silver Creek.....	Stella Cliburn, Newhebron.....	11	54	45	60	20
Jayess	J. N. Boyd, Jayess.....	C. F. Carney, Jayess.....	9	16	50	75	1
Monticello.....	E. V. Catt, Monticello.....	Zella Mae Jolly, Monticello.....	11	145	46	174	4
Newhebron	C. E. Lee, Newhebron.....	Eula Riley, Newhebron.....	9	92	15	55	12
New Hope.....	J. M. Ritchey, Monticello.....	Minnie Neal, Monticello.....	9	64	15	55	12
New Zion.....	Oscar Russell, Monticello.....	Alice Carr, Monticello.....	8	25	25	25	
Oakvale	J. M. Jones, Oakvale.....	Emma Langston, Oakvale.....	6	54	32	43	5
Oma	D. H. Bird, Oma.....	Verna Bird, Oma.....	6	37	30	98	
Providence	B. E. Price, Verna.....	Rosa Boyd, Verna.....	8	90	30	98	7
Robinwood	S. A. Wright, Monticello, R. 2.....	Mrs. Emma Ballard, Monticello, R. 2.....	6	60	66	66	
Sauls' Valley	A. W. York, Jayess.....	Bertha Carney, Tilton.....	4	35	39	39	
Shiloh .....	.....	.....			
Silver Creek	B. G. Langston, Silver Creek.....	Hollis Langston, Silver Creek.....	7			35	2
Sontag	W. R. Gibson, Sontag.....	H. F. Buckley, Sontag.....	5	42	40	47	4
Tilton	Elisha Speight, Tilton.....	M. D. Phillips, Tilton.....	5	15	15	20	3
Wanilla	J. I. Breland, Wanilla.....	Longie Wilson, Wanilla.....	5	25	10	30	2
Totals .....	.....	.....	141	989	455	1112	118

